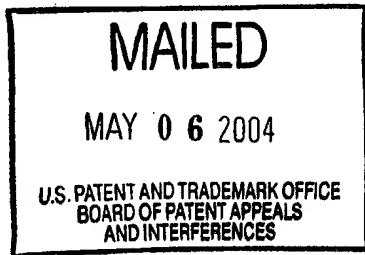


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte HIROSHI TAKANASHI  
and  
TOMOYA KUDO

Application No. 09/739,750

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 20, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is here-with returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

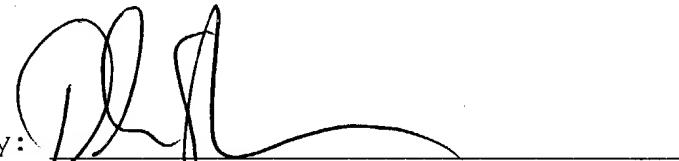
On July 21, 2003, appellants filed an Appeal Brief which stated on page 9 that "[t]his brief is submitted in triplicate with the requisite fee of \$320.00." However, the Patent and Trademark Office records do not reflect that this fee has been charged.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned  
to the Examiner:

1. for charging the \$320 Appeal Brief fee;
2. for notifying appellants regarding the action(s)  
taken; and
3. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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